

Gold River, CA - Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) is going to open his Angels Camp Town Hall next week by complimenting the great work of The Resource Connection Food Bank, which recently was recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2009 Rural Development Progress Report.

"I toured the new facility just after it was built a little over a year ago," said Lungren. "I knew then that Jeannie Hayward and the community were going to make the best of it, and they have."

Prior to the new building's construction in San Andreas last year the Food Bank found itself turning away food or storing it outside at night because it had no room. But now the 5,500 square-foot facility has plenty of room, and it came in handy as Calaveras County responded to a tremendous year of need in 2009.

The climax was during the Holiday Season when 800 families were served at Thanksgiving and 1,300 families were served at Christmas thanks to the efforts of the Santa's Express Committee's Food Drive, which netted 28,000 lbs. of food.

"When you think about it, that 1,300 families, that's about 10 percent of the families in Calaveras County," said Hayward, the Food Bank program director. She is very proud of the way the community has generously responded, from fraternal groups like Rotary, Lions Club and the VFW to victory gardeners who shared their crops with people during the summer. "It's been great."

Lungren will present the Food Bank with a proclamation praising their good work at the Town Hall. Details:

What: Congressman Lungren Town Hall

When: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Where: Calaveras County Fairgrounds, Mark Twain Hall, 101 Frogtown Road, Angels Camp, CA 95222.

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Congressman Dan Lungren serves as Ranking Member on the House Administration Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Homeland Security committees